CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (RENEWAL OF NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078948) AND CONSIDERATION OF TIME SCHEDULE ORDER

for

CITY OF TURLOCK WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY STANISLAUS COUNTY

The City of Turlock (Discharger) owns and operates a municipal tertiary wastewater treatment facility. The Discharger provides sewerage service for the City of Turlock and the community service districts of Keyes and Denair, and receives primary treated effluent from the City of Ceres. The Facility serves a population of approximately 78,179 people and 10 significant industrial users (SIUs). The Discharger currently discharges to Harding Drain, but is planning to construct a dedicated pipeline to transport and discharge treated wastewater from the Facility directly to the San Joaquin River.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES Permit (WDR Order No. 5-01-122) and adoption of a Time Schedule Order (TSO). The proposed permit renewal includes: (1) new effluent limitations for copper, selenium, carbon tetrachloride, chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, ammonia, nitrate, and aluminum at Discharge Point No. 001 to Harding Drain and (2) new effluent limitations for copper, chloride, selenium, carbon tetrachloride, chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, aluminum, ammonia, nitrate, electrical conductivity, boron, aluminum, iron, and manganese at Discharge Point No. 002 to the San Joaquin River. The proposed NPDES permit renewal also proposes times schedules for the Discharger to comply with new effluent limitations for electrical conductivity. The existing regulated flow of up to 20 MGD remains unchanged.

A public hearing concerning the tentative Orders will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE:

5/6 February 2009

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Staff, and
- City of Turlock Representatives

Only designated parties will have the following rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **9 January 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on 9 January 2009. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on 9 January 2009 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative Orders should contact Mr. Ken Landau at (916) 464-4726 or klandau@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer